**Accreditated dope testing laboratory**

1850. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there is no DOPE testing laboratory in India meeting international standard and/or recognised by International Olympic Association;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps contemplated, if any, for elimination of inadequacy in such an important infrastructure in the sports sector; and

(d) whether Government have been seeking co-operation of the autonomous sports bodies in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the response of those bodies?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA): (a) to (d) Sports Authority of India (SAI) has a Dope Control Centre in New Delhi. However, this Centre is yet to be accredited by Medical Commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). For accreditation of the Medical Commission of IOC, ISO 9001 and ISO 17025 certifications are mandatory requirements. The Dope Control Centre at SAI has received ISO 9001 certification in December, 2002 and is in the process of getting ISO 17025 certification, which would facilitate early accreditation of the Dope Control Centre of SAI.

**Pathetic conditions of former sports persons**

1851. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of sportspersons, who once earned laurels to the country in International Sports events are now languishing in penury;

(b) if so, whether Government have identified such sportspersons;

(c) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to ameliorate their economic conditions by instituting pension or extending some grants to them?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports runs the Scheme National Welfare Fund for Sports persons whereunder, a pension up to Rs.2500/- p.m., and lump sum financial assistance of up to Rs.40,000/- can be sanctioned to the outstanding national and international players, placed in indigent circumstanes, i.e. whose monthly income, from all sources, is less than Rs.3,000/-. The state-wise names of sportspersons, presently receiving pension, under the scheme, are given below:

| Name of States | Name of Pensioners | Amount of monthly pension |
|---|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | Shri Abul Hassan Ahmed | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri A. Sussey | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri Babu Lal | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri Kamineni Eswara Rao | Rs.2500/- |
| | Shri S. Bhujanga Rao | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri Syed Mohammed Ali | Rs.2000/- |
| Delhi | Smt Bhagwan Devi | Rs.2500/- |
| Gujarat | Smt. Ramiben K. Nakum | Rs.2000/- |
| Karnataka* | Shri Abdul Karim | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri E.Ramakrishna Rao | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri H. Loknath | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri H.L. Prabhakar | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri M.Gabriel | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri M.J. Rathnam | Rs.2500/- |
| | Shri N. Pappanna | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri N.S. Francis Xavier | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri Y.H. Yantatta | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri P.Rathanam | Rs.2000/- |
| Kerala | Shri C.P.Chandran | Rs.2000/- |

| Name of States | Name of Pensioners | Amount of monthly pension |
|---|---|---|
| | Shri K.Balagopal | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri Mohamed Kokadan | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri N.Jayaraman | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri O.K.Sathyan | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri P.Ravindran-i | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri P. Ravindran-ii | Rs.1500/- |
| | Shri S.George | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri V.Sivaraman | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri T.I. Chacko | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri V.B.Pillai | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri V.Govardhanan | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri T.A.Rehman | Rs.2000/- |
| Madhya Pradesh | Shri N.S. Thakur | Rs.2000/- |
| Maharashtra | Smt. Kusum K. Jadav | Rs.2500/- |
| | Shri Ram Chandra B. Parab | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri S.L. Verma | Rs.2000/- |
| Orissa | Shri Prabhunath Patra | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri Rajayya Bosi | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri Raghunath Mohapatra | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri Saik Babu | Rs.2000/- |
| | Smt. Sarojani Behera | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri B.N.Mohapatra | Rs.2000/- |
| Punjab | Shri Gurdev Singh | Rs.2000/- |
| Tamil Nadu | Smt. C.K.K.Pillai | Rs.2000/- |
| | Shri V.Mookan | Rs.2500/- |
| Uttar Pradesh | Shri S.A.Naim | Rs.2000/- |
| West Bengal | Smt. Rikta Dhar | Rs.2000/- |
| | Smt. Ram Rati Devi | Rs.2000/- |
| | Ms.Soma Bose | Rs.2000/- |